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Subject: Summary of Texas Fuel Waiver Call on Sunday August 27th - 1 pm CT

Importance: High

Hi John et all,

Summary of our fuel waiver call today at 1 pm:

Participants: EPA OGC, OTAQ, OECA, R6 and TCEQ:

- Team gave an update of hurricane status and recognized that a catastrophe is unfolding in Texas, especially Houston and surrounding area. Forecast unfortunately is for Harvey to linger and have impacts for days to come.
- EPA granted the extended coverage area waiver (August 26th) as mentioned in yesterday's summary. A second version was distributed to correct an error in the earlier version.
- Sam Coleman joined the call briefly to state that he received comments from Texas that they were very appreciative of the team and how fast EPA has responded regarding issuing the waiver(s). TCEQ also stated they were very appreciated (Minor Hibbs).
- Jeff mentioned that basically EPA has "cleared the deck" for Texas in terms of fuel waivers and asked if all agree. TCEQ did mention the need for future a discussion regarding any waiver past the September 15th expiration date for the current waiver.
- R6 mentioned that Louisiana is carefully tracking the situation in TX and the issuance of the waivers. No immediate request from LA to initiate waiver process at this time.

Supply Status (Minor Hibbs)

- Minor recapped the information in the emails that I forwarded on to you all before the call which summarized the supply status etc. for Flint Hills, Valero, Magellan, Phillips 66 and NuStar – please see emails for specific details regarding that.

Other issues:

Discussion highlights:

- Fuel demand low right now as may be expected.
- Short discussion on red dye diesel for non-road and on-road use. Red dye diesel is tagged basically for IRS purposes. TCEQ stated that railroads in TxLED regions use Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD). Concern was railroad diesel in general may have S content as high as 1000 ppm.
- Harvey impact on the Grid – utilities will reach out in advance of issues. Possible issues with grid reliability and with permit limits on EGUs that have for example permit hour limits on the use of fuel on an annual or monthly basis – need to waive those type of permit limits? (Phil Brooks and John Powell)

Next Steps:

- Team agreed that there is a need for daily meetings for all of next week at the same time – 1 pm CT. Jeff Kodish to send out invites.

If you have any questions, or need clarification, please do let me know.

Let's hope for the best,

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